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SUBJ: ROC INTEREST IN ACQUIRING DRONES

REF: A. TAIPEI 6179 (091000Z OCT 73)

B. TAIPEI 4522 (180835Z JUL 74)

1. IN OCT 5, 1973 LETTER TO CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF
LAI MING-TANG, THEN CHIEF OF MAAG GEN BARNES OFFERED
TO ASSIST ROC IN OBTAINING TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON
TARGET DRONES (REF A). GEN LAI NOW HAS REPLIED,
STATING THAT MND ON AUG 31, 1974 REQUESTED MOFA TO
INSTRUCT ROC EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO OBTAIN
CONCURRENCE OF STATE DEPT FOR PROVISION OF INFORMATION
ON TELEDYNE-RYAN AERONAUTICAL REMOTELY PILOTED VEHICLE (RPV) TO ROC
AND EXPORT OF RPV TO ROC "IN CASE OF NECESSARY PROCUREMENT IN THE
FUTURE. " THERE IS NO INDICATION IN LAI'S LETTER AS TO WHETHER
THEY ARE INTERESTED IN TARGET-TOWING OR RECONNAISSANCE
CAPABILITY, BUT BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS ROC INTEREST IN
TELEDYNE-RYAN RPV, WE SUSPECT IT IS THE LATTER.

2. CHIEF MAAG GEN NASH PLANS TO REPLY TO GEN LAI IN
SAME TERMS USD IN GEN BARNES' OCT 5, 1973 LETTER, I.E,
THAT "USG POLICY PROHIBITS RELEASE OF TECHNICAL DATA
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OR SAE OF RECONNAISSANCE -CAPABLE REMOTELY PILOTED

VEHICLES." LETTER WILL ALSO REPEAT OFFER OF
ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON
TARGET DRONES. IN ORDER TO ENABLE MAAG TO MAKE GOOD
ON LATTER OFFER, WE REPEAT REQUEST (REF B, PARA 5B)
THAT COUNTRY TEAM BE PROVIDED INFORMATION ON RPV'S
WHICH WOULD SATISFY ROC NEED FOR TARGET DRONES BUT
NOT HAVE RECONNAISSANCE CAPABILITY, OR WHICH COULD
BE PROVIDED ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS (REF. B, PARA 5C).
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